(b) whether any official or non-official had requested the Government to do so; and if so,

(c) what is the reason for not complying with the above request ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) Government did not consider that there was proper ground to comply with the request.

Opening of a road through Panangai lane.

358. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to print and lay on the Table the Diwan's Proceedings, dated 1st October 1927, Dis. 166/D/1103 and state:—

(b) whether this item of work has been executed; and if not,

(c) what is the reason for not executing it till now;

(d) whether the funds at the disposal of the Government will not be enough for the execution of the above work;

(e) whether this item of work sanctioned by the Government will be completed this year, and if not, at least next year ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) A copy of the Diwan's Proceedings is placed on the Council Table.

(b) No.

(c) Proportionately high cost and want of funds.

(d) More than enough if this were the only work Government have to attend to.

(e) Government regret that no assurance can be given.

Provident Fund.

359. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) what is the percentage of interest that is being given to the Provident Fund subscribers;

(b) whether a copy of the rules governing the Provident Fund be placed on the Table;

(c) whether the subscribers of the Provident Fund will be given loans from their contributions to the fund; and if so,

(d) what interest will be charged ?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(a) Compound interest at rates varying in accordance with the actual interest the investments of the Provident Fund moneys bear from time to time subject to a minimum of 4 per cent.

(b) A copy is placed on the Council Table.

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